

Simulations of a BH-axion system

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Axions

- Massive scalar particles (predicted theoretically).

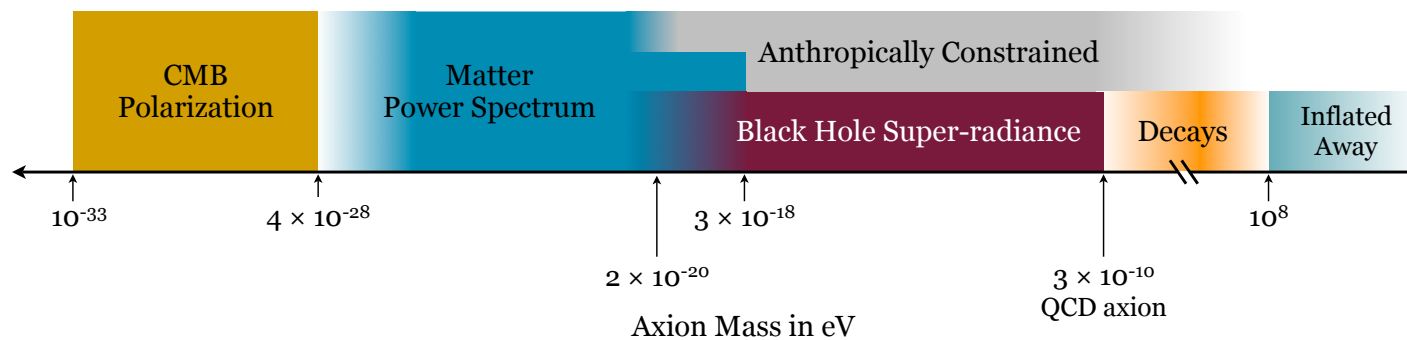
- QCD axion

- QCD axion was introduced to solve the Strong CP problem.
- It is one of the candidates of dark matter.

- String axions

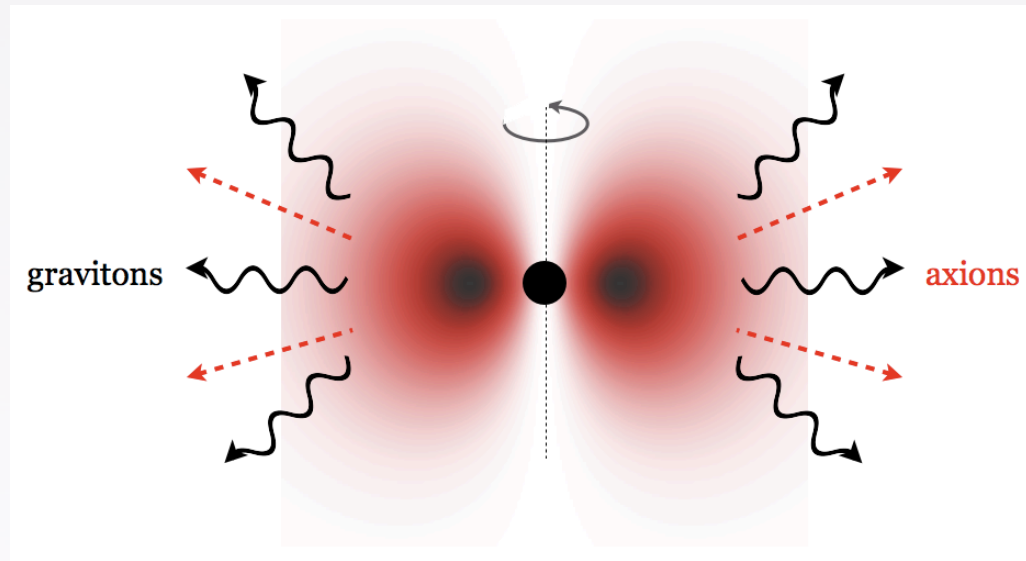
Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Dubovsky, Kaloper, March-Russel, PRD81 (2010), 123530.

- String theory predicts the existence of 10-100 axion-like massive scalar fields.
- There are various expected phenomena of string axions.



Axion field around a rotating black hole

- Axion field makes a bound state and causes the superradiant instability

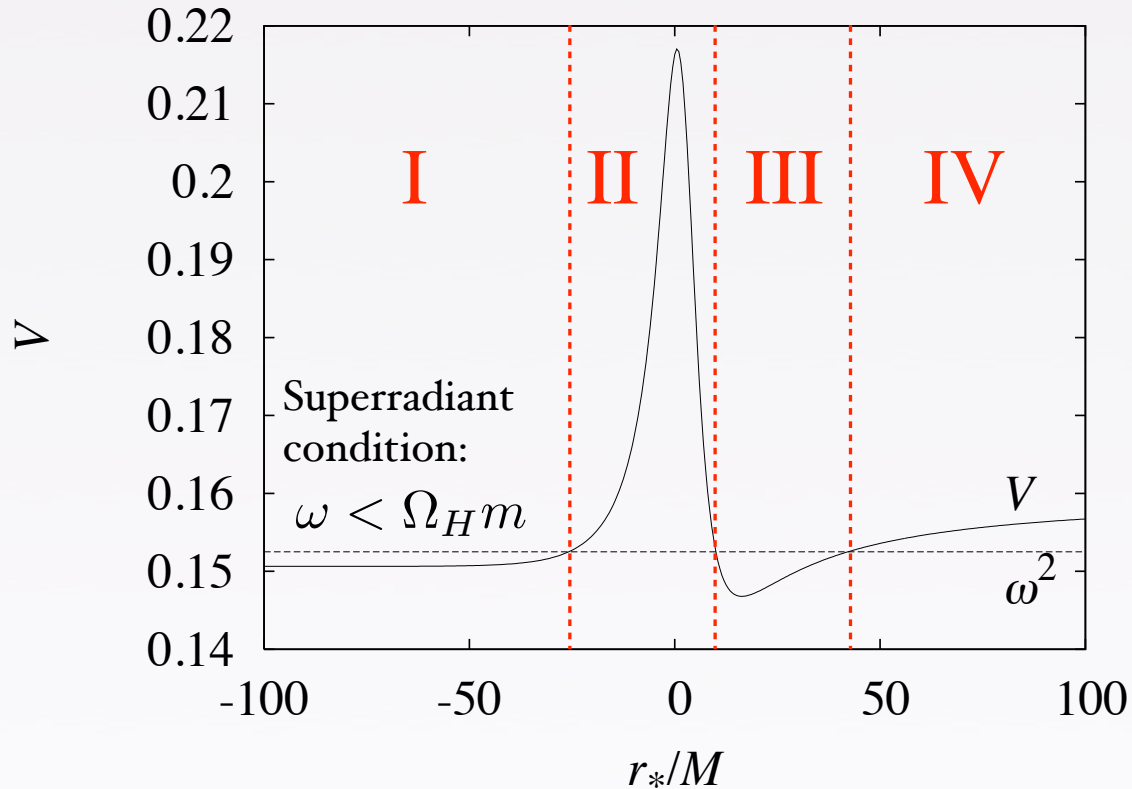


Detweiler, PRD22 (1980), 2323.

Zouros and Eardley, Ann. Phys. 118 (1979), 139.

Bound state

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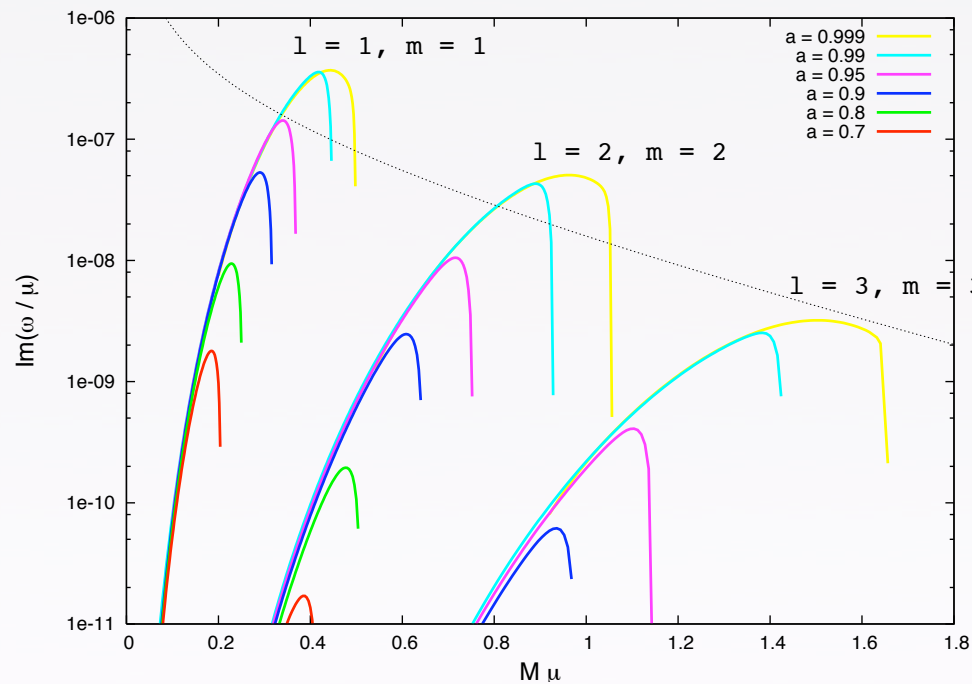
$$\Phi = \text{Re}[e^{-i\omega t} R(r) S(\theta) e^{im\phi}]$$

$$R = \frac{u}{\sqrt{r^2 + a^2}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 u}{dr_*^2} + [\omega^2 - V(\omega)] u = 0$$

Growth rate

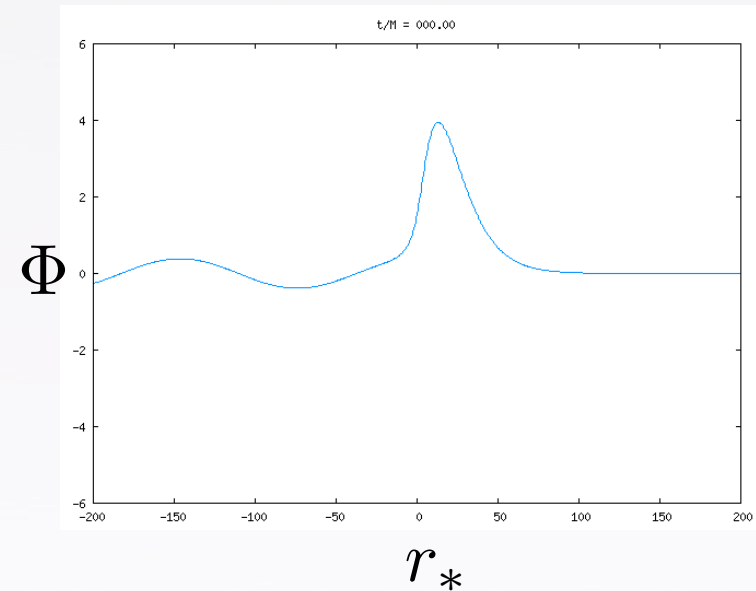
- Growth rate calculated by continued fraction method

Dolan, PRD76 (2007), 084001.



- Time evolution

$$l = m = 1 \quad M\mu = 0.4$$

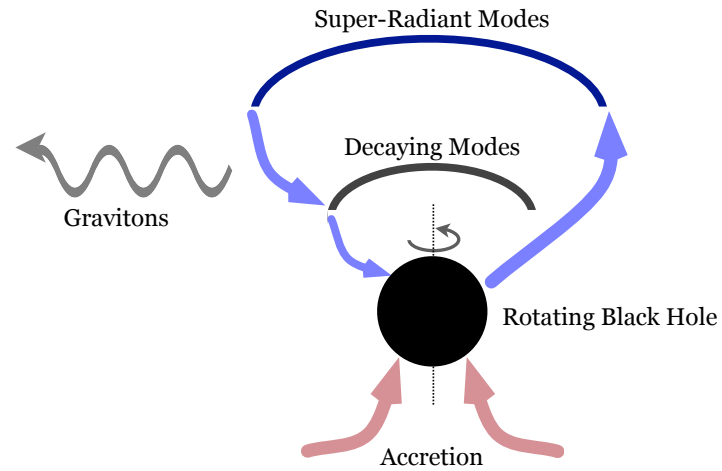


(Near the horizon)

$$\Phi \sim e^{-i\omega t} e^{-i\tilde{\omega} r_*}$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \omega - m\Omega_H$$

BH-axion system



Arvanitaki and Dubovsky, PRD83 (2011), 044026.

Superradiant instability

- Emission of gravitational waves
- Pair annihilation of axions

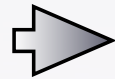
Effects of nonlinear self-interaction

- Bosenova
- Mode mixing

Nonlinear effect

- Typically, the potential of axion field becomes periodic

$$V = f_a^2 \mu^2 [1 - \cos(\Phi/f_a)]$$



$$\nabla^2 \varphi - \mu^2 \sin \varphi = 0$$

$$\varphi \equiv \frac{\Phi}{f_a}$$

- c.f., QCD axion

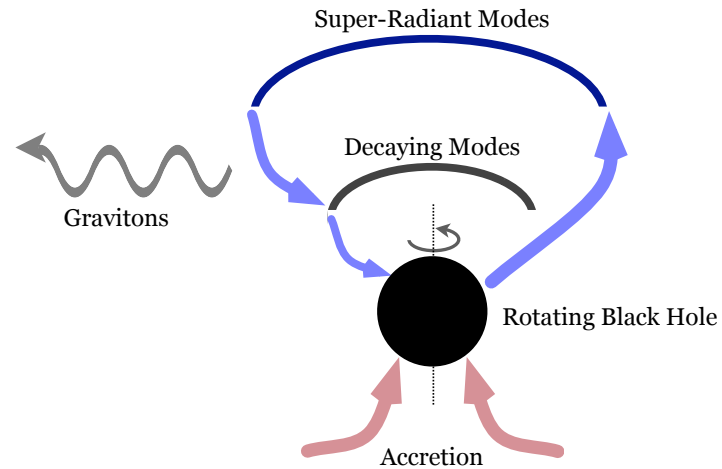
PQ phase transition

QCD phase transition

$U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$ symmetry \Rightarrow potential becomes like a wine bottle

\Rightarrow $Z(N)$ symmetry

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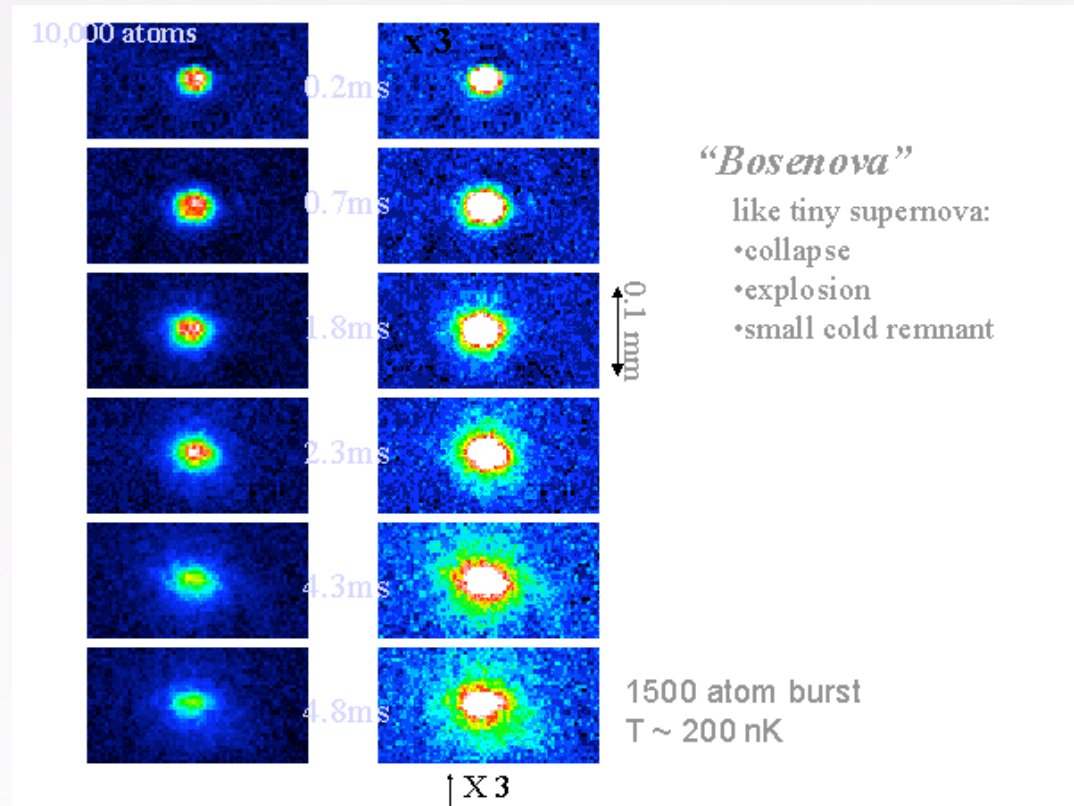
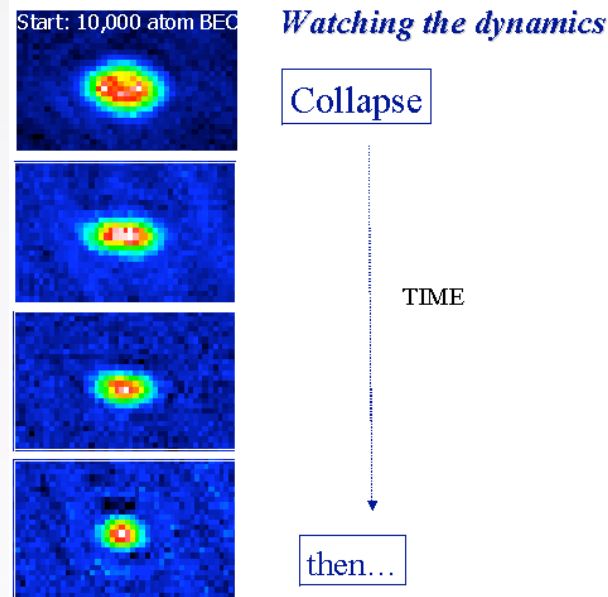
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Bosenova in condensed matter physics

<http://spot.colorado.edu/~cwieman/Bosenova.html>



BEC state of Rb85 (interaction can be controlled)

Switch from repulsive interaction to attractive interaction

Wieman et al., Nature 412 (2001), 295

What we would like to do

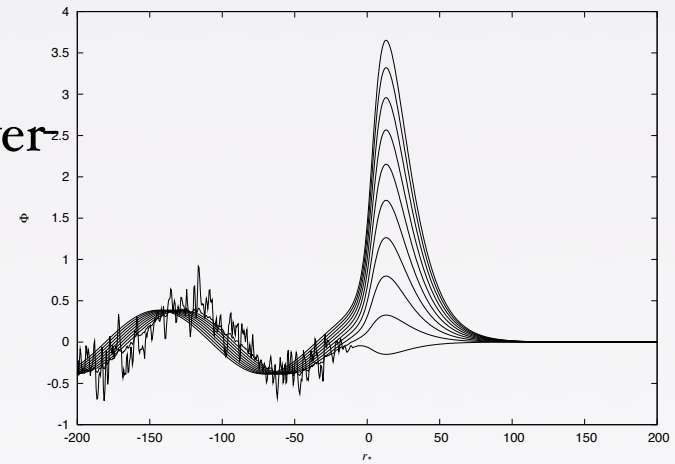
- We would like to study the phenomena caused by axion cloud generated by the superradiant instability around a rotating black hole.
- In particular, we study numerically whether “Bosenova” happens when the nonlinear interaction becomes important.
- We adopt the background spacetime as the Kerr spacetime, and solve the axion field as a test field.

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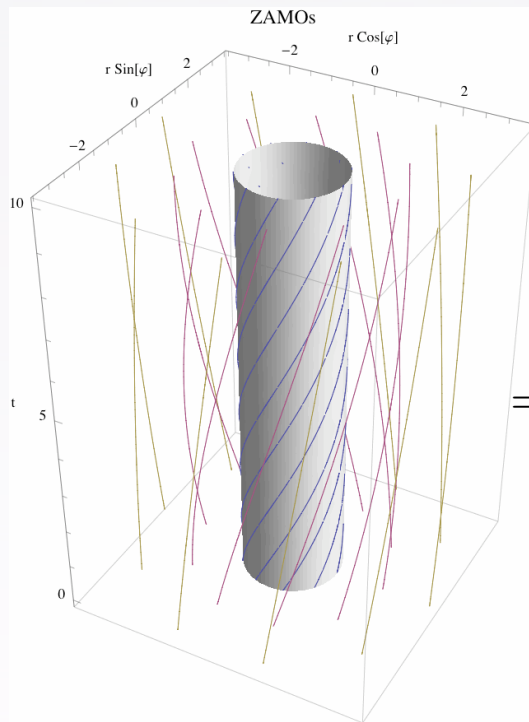
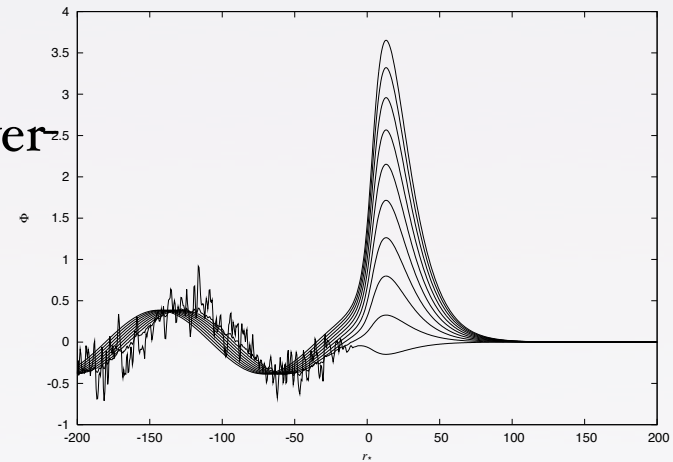
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First difficulty

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➔ We use ZAMO coordinates.

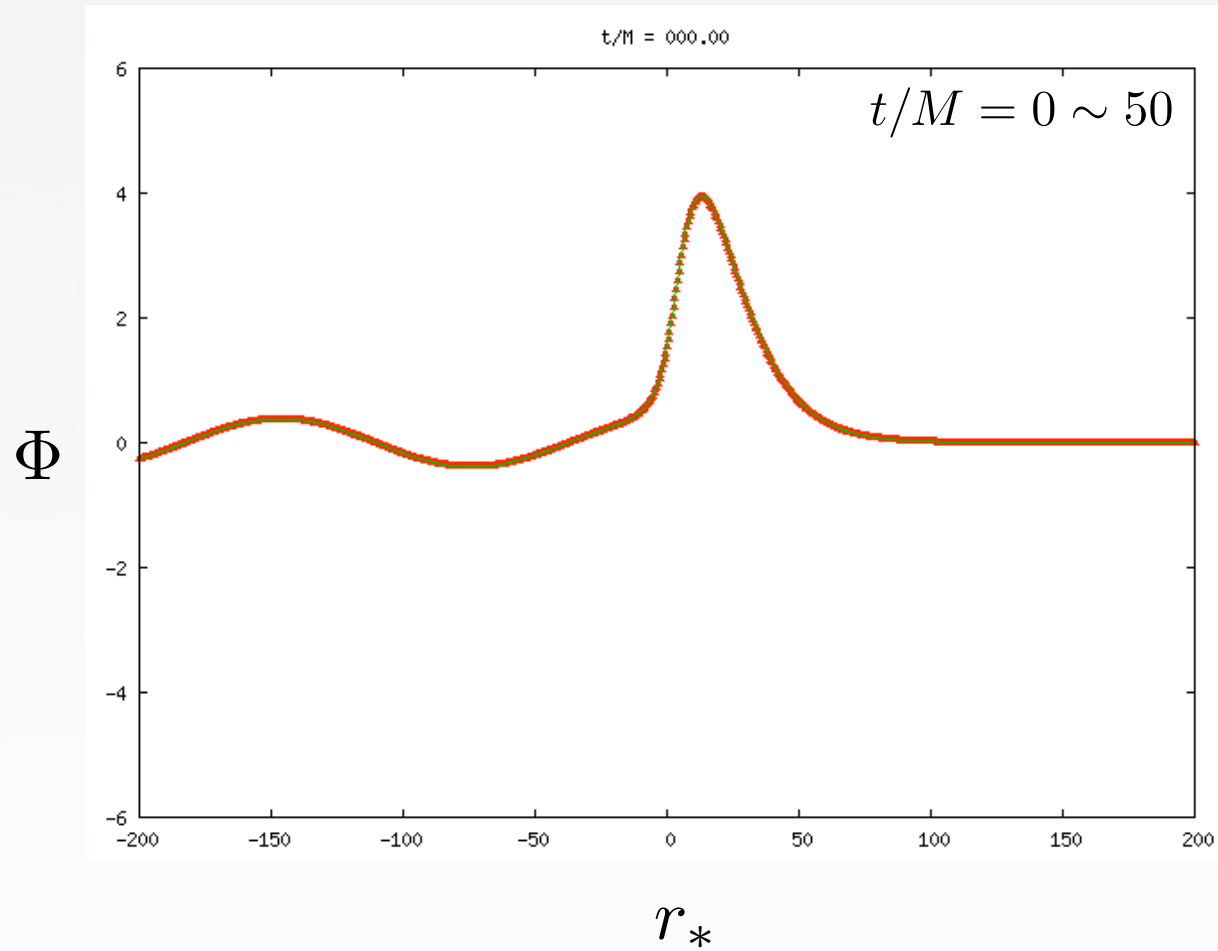


$$\Omega = \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{u^\phi}{u^t} = -\frac{g_{t\phi}}{g_{\phi\phi}}$$

$$= \frac{2Mar}{(r^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

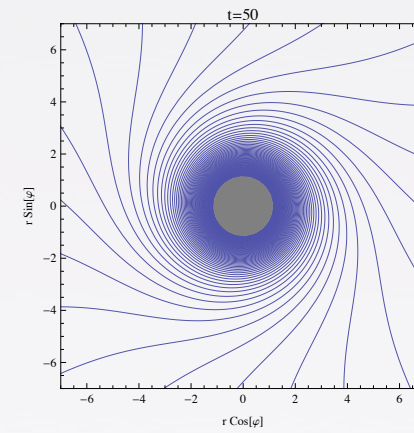
$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{t} &= t, \\ \tilde{\phi} &= \phi - \Omega(r, \theta)t, \\ \tilde{r} &= r, \\ \tilde{\theta} &= \theta,\end{aligned}$$

Numerical solution in the ZAMO coordinates



Second difficulty

- ZAMO coordinates become more and more distorted in the time evolution



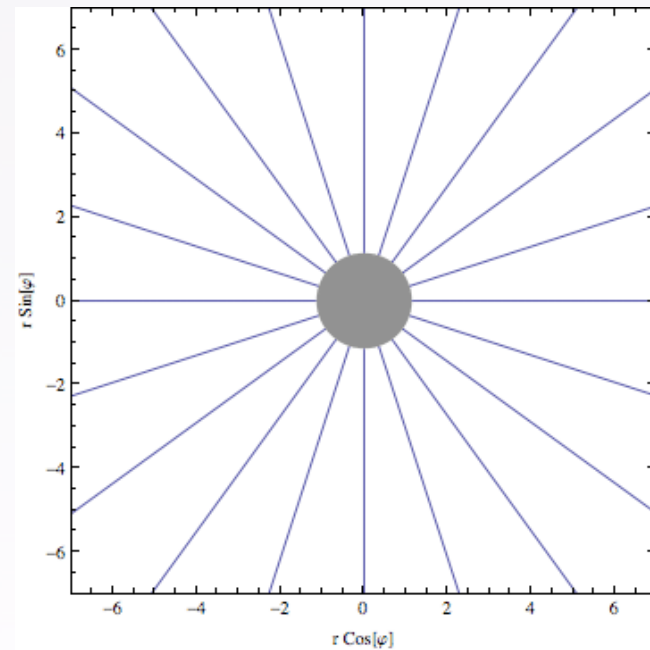
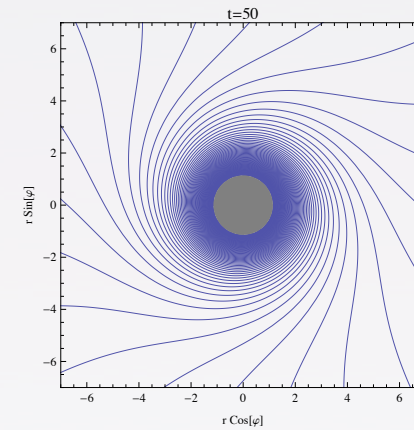
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➔ We “pull back” the coordinates

$$nT_P \leq t \leq (n+1)T_P :$$

$$\begin{aligned}t^{(n)} &= t, \\ \phi^{(n)} &= \phi - \Omega(r, \theta)(t - nT_P), \\ r^{(n)} &= r, \\ \theta^{(n)} &= \theta.\end{aligned}$$

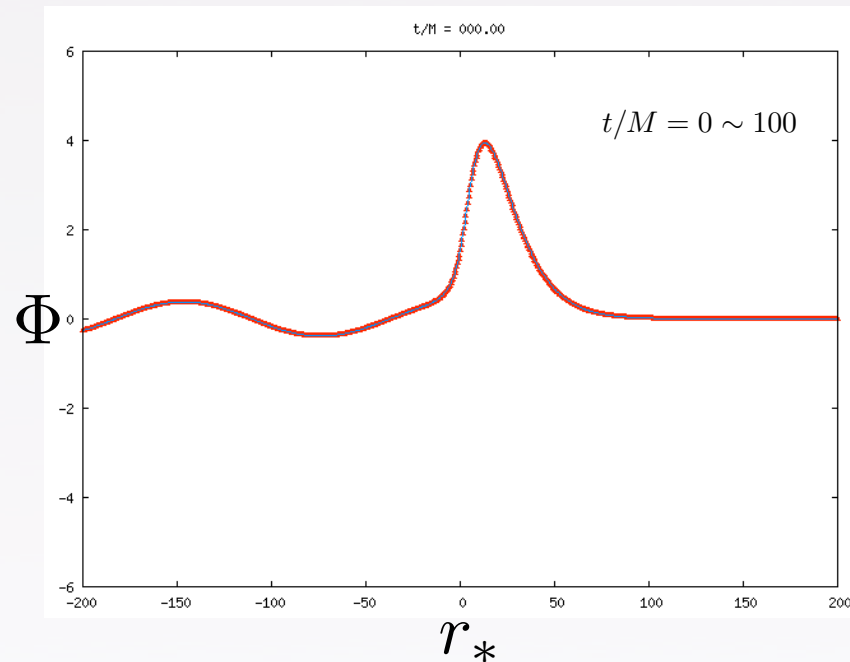


Our 3D code

- Space direction : 6th-order finite discretization
- Time direction : 4th-order Runge-Kutta
- Grid size: $\Delta r_* = 0.5 \quad (M = 1)$
 $\Delta \theta = \Delta \phi = \pi/30$
- Courant number: $C = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta r_*} = \frac{1}{20}$
- Pure ingoing BC at the inner boundary,
Fixed BC at the outer boundary
- Pullback: 7th-order Lagrange interpolation

Code check (I)

- Comparison with semianalytic solution of the Klein-Gordon case



- Growth rate

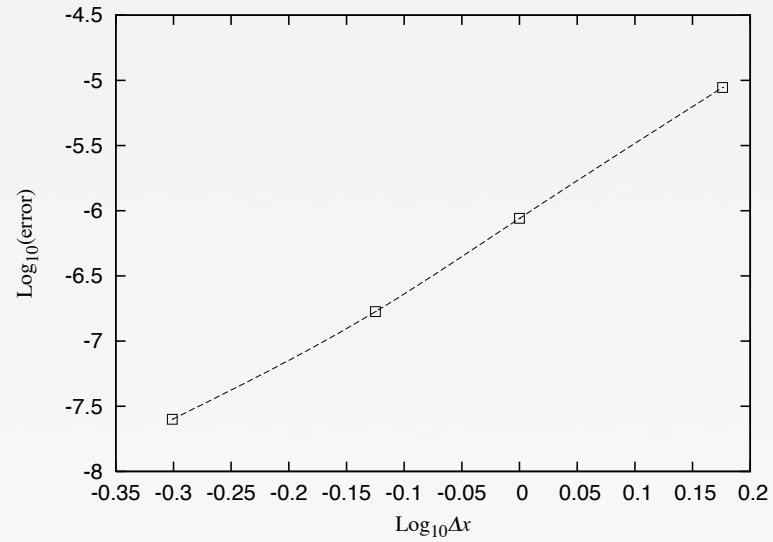
$$\omega_I = \frac{\dot{E}}{2E} \simeq \frac{E(100M) - E(0)}{200ME(0)}$$

$$\omega_I^{(\text{CF})} / \mu = 3.31 \times 10^{-7}$$

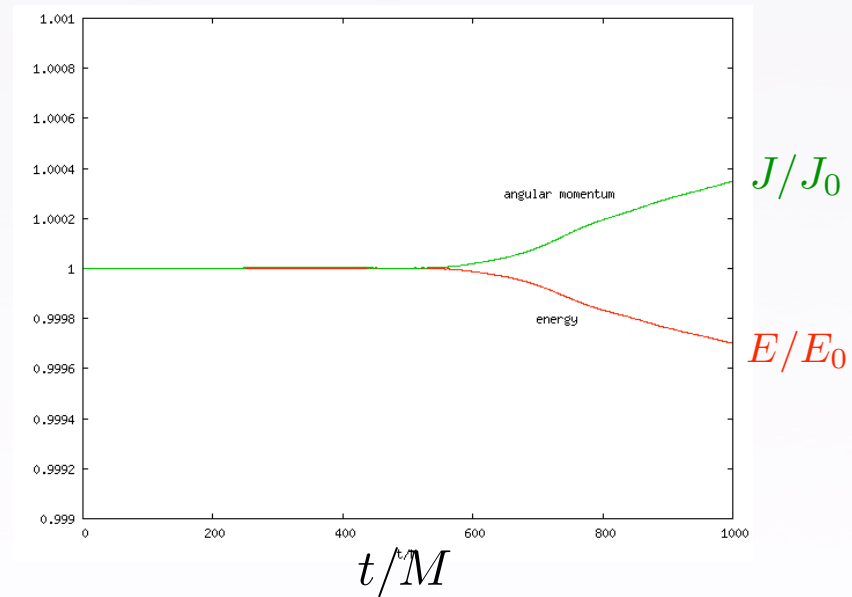
$$\omega_I^{(\text{Numerical})} / \mu = 3.26 \times 10^{-7}$$

Code check (2)

- Convergence
($t = 12.5M$)



- Conserved quantities



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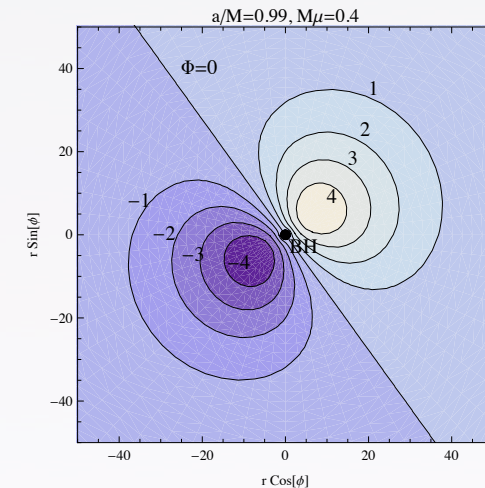
Numerical simulation

- Sine-Gordon equation

$$\nabla^2 \varphi - \mu^2 \sin \varphi = 0$$

- Setup $a/M = 0.99, M\mu = 0.4$

As the initial condition, we choose the bound state of the Klein-Gordon field of the $l = m = 1$ mode.



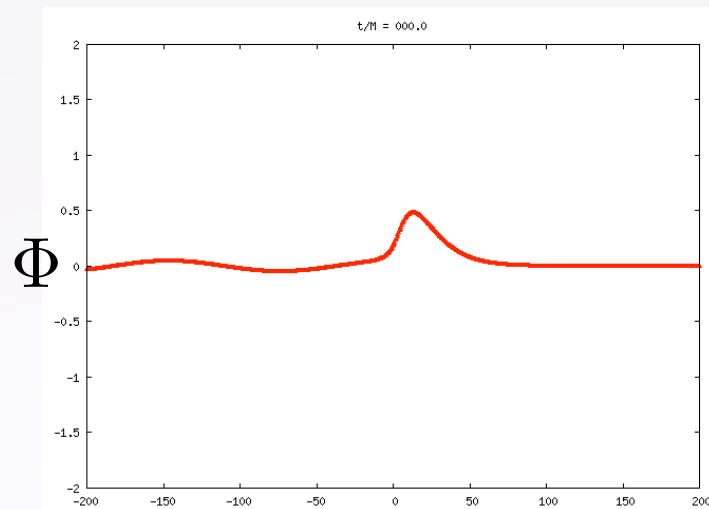
	Initial peak value	$E / [(f_a/M_p)^2 M]$
(A)	0.6	1370
(B)	0.7	1862

Simulation (A)

$$\varphi_{\text{peak}}(0) = 0.6$$

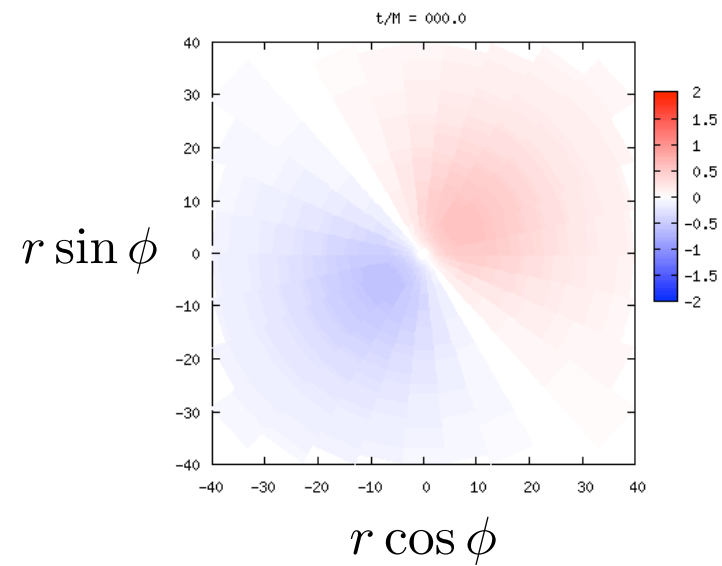
- Axion field on the equatorial plane ($\theta = \pi/2$)

($\phi = 0$)



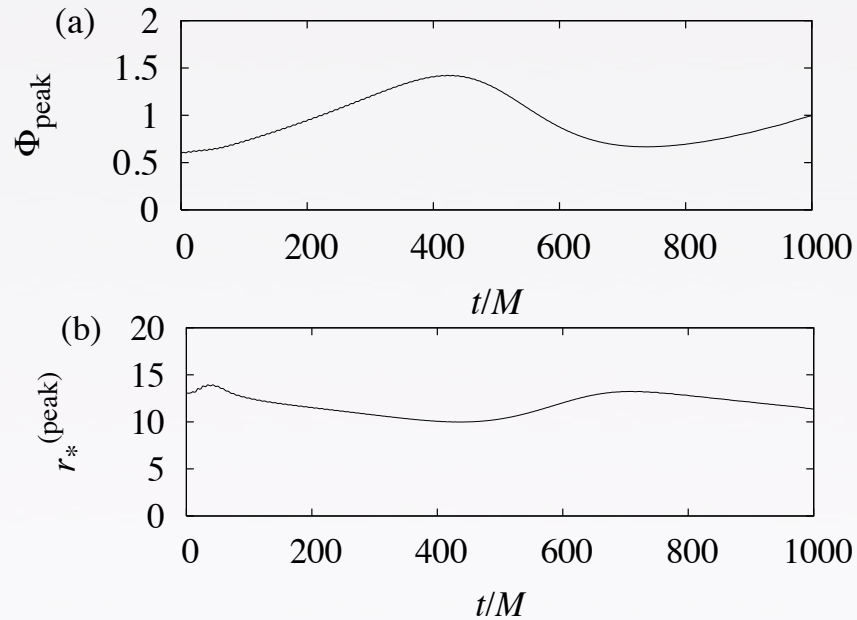
$$-200 \leq r_*/M \leq 200$$

density plot

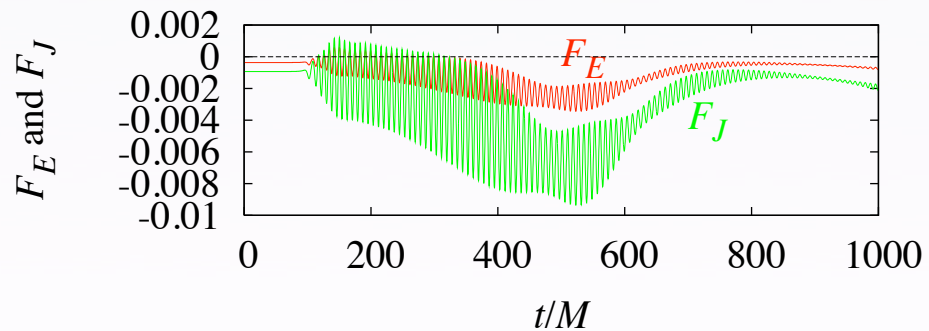


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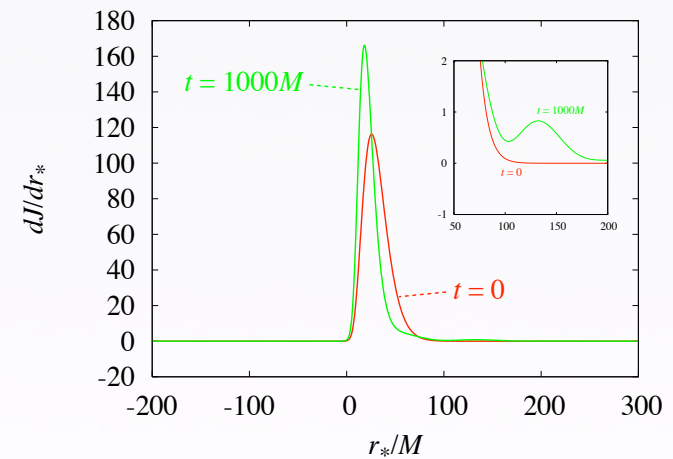
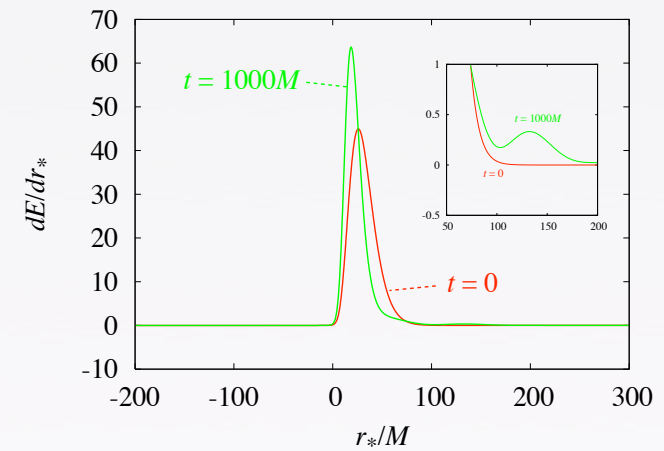
Peak value and peak location



Fluxes toward the horizon



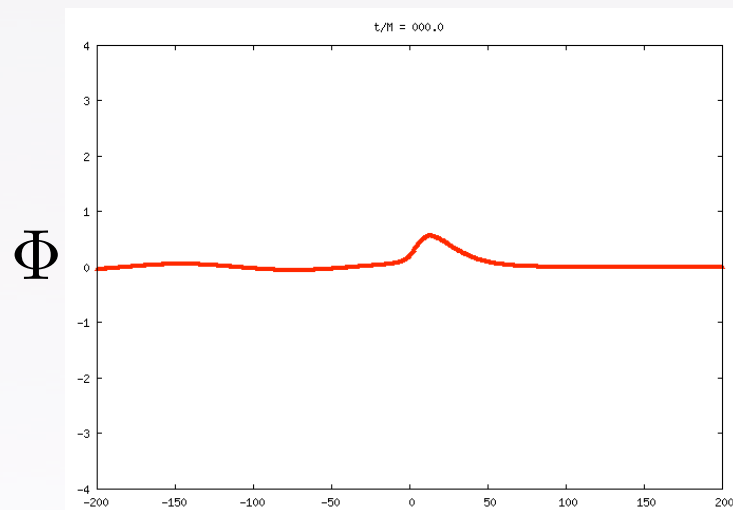
Energy and angular momentum distribution



Simulation (B) $\varphi_{\text{peak}}(0) = 0.7$

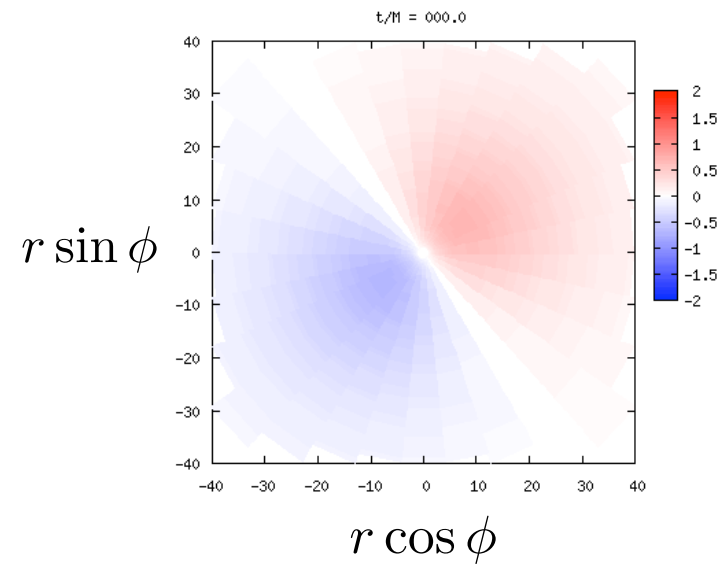
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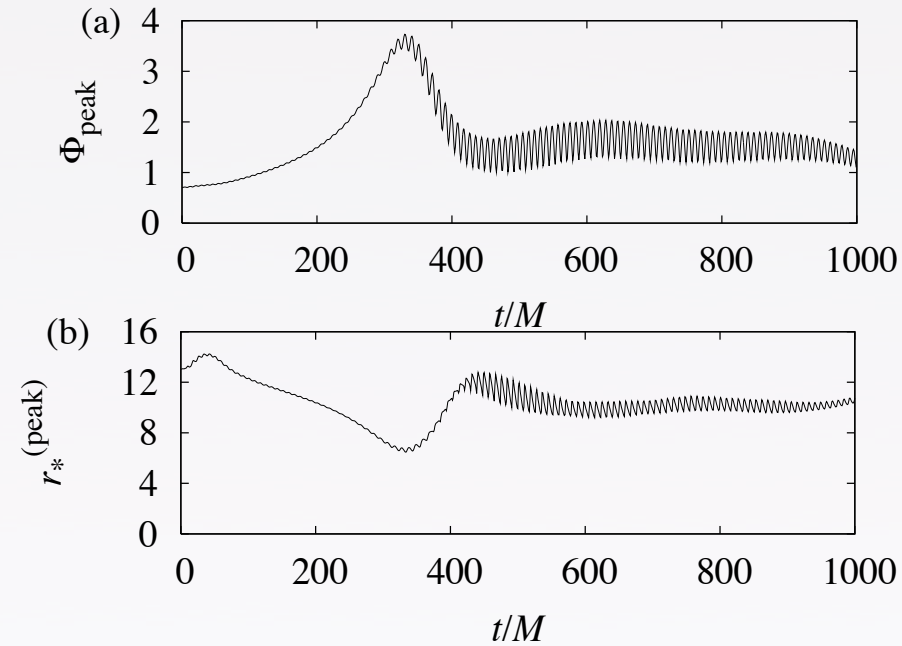
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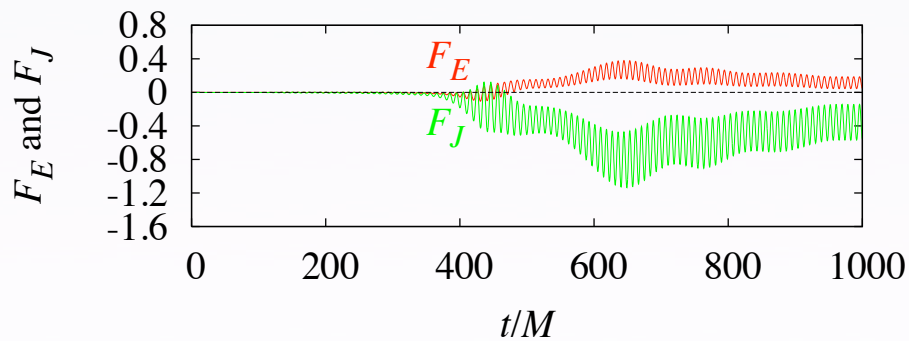


Simulation (B)

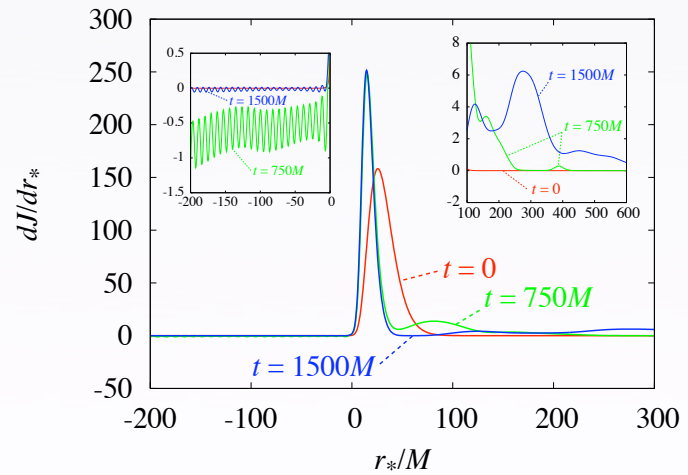
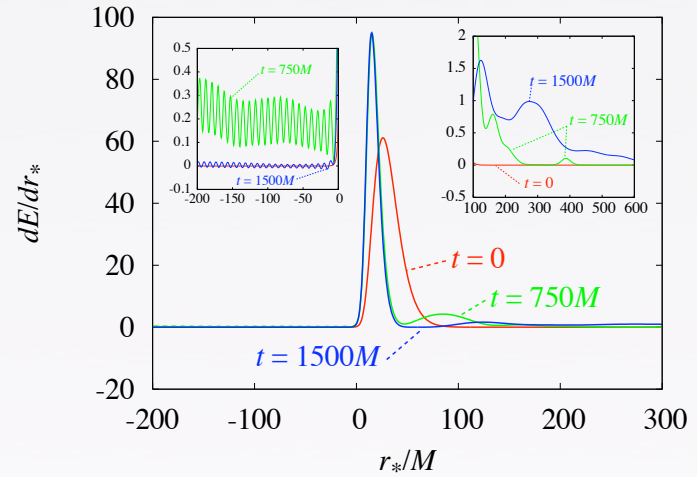
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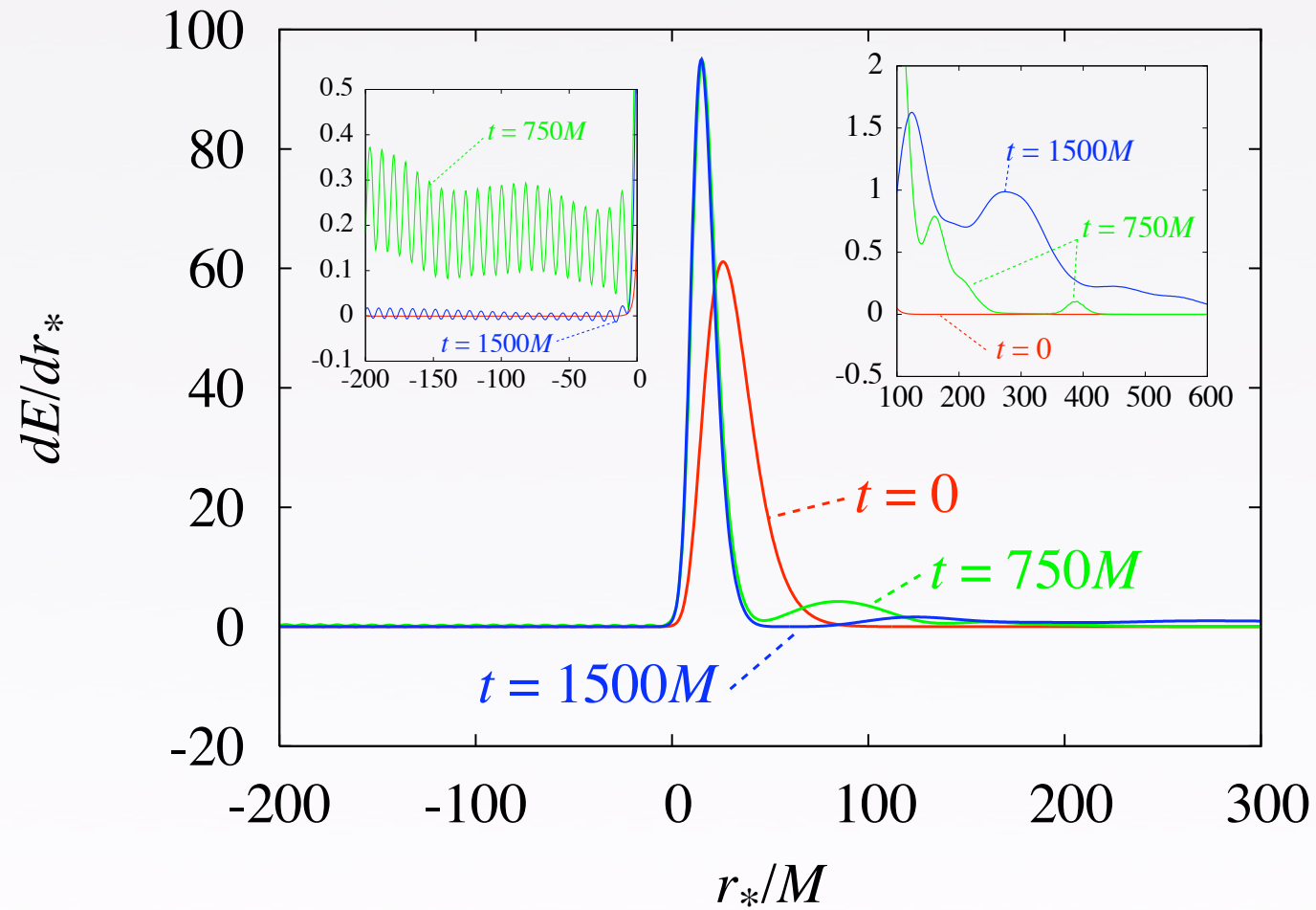


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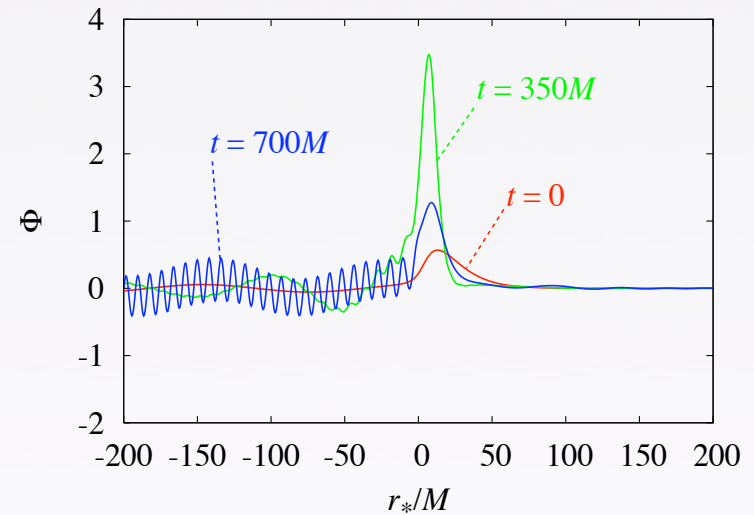
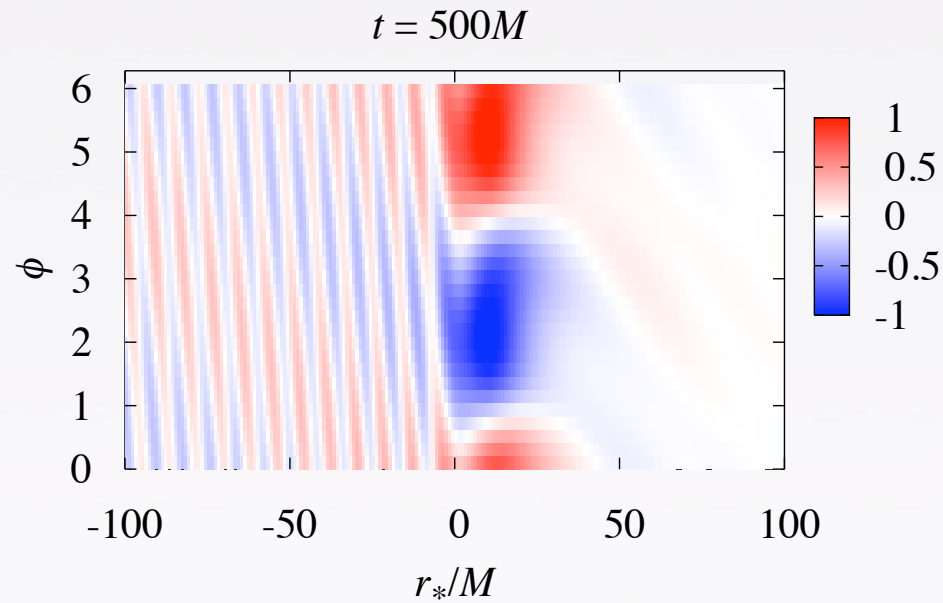
Simulation (B)

- Energy distribution



Simulation (B)

• Snapshots



$m=-1$ mode is generated!

(Near the horizon)

$$\Phi \sim e^{-i\omega t} e^{-i\tilde{\omega} r_*}$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \omega - m\Omega_H$$

$$M\omega_{\text{KG}} = 0.39$$

$$M\omega_{\text{NL}} = 0.35$$

$$M\tilde{\omega}_{\text{KG}} = -0.04$$

$$M\tilde{\omega}_{\text{NL}} = 0.87$$

Summary of the simulations (A) and (B)

- (A)

- When the peak value is not very large, the nonlinear term enhances the rate of superradiant instability.

- The nonlinear effect makes energy distribute in the neighborhood of the black hole.

- (B)

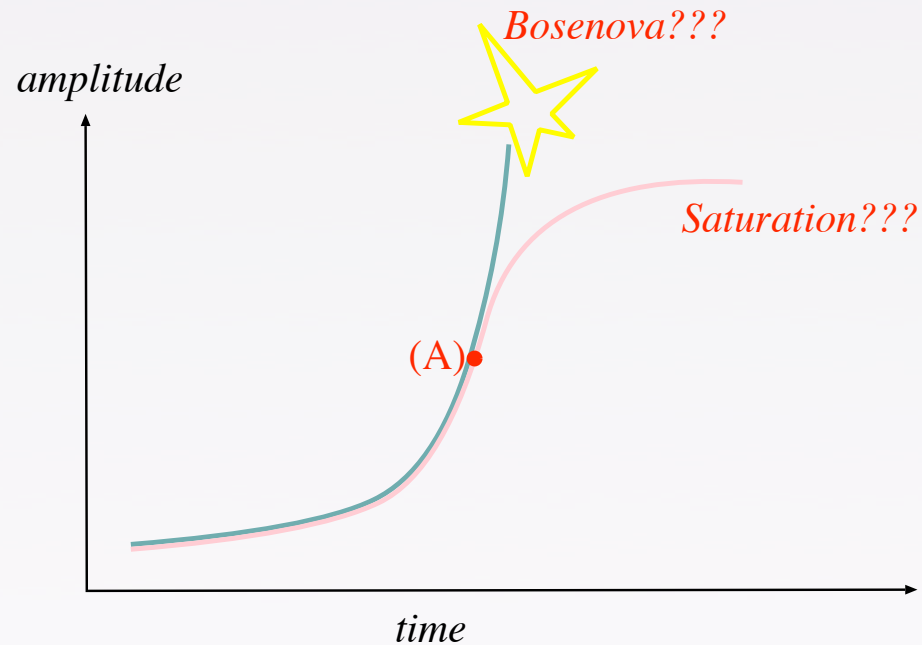
- When the peak value is sufficiently large, the bosonova collapse happens.

- Once the bosonova happens, positive energy falls into the black hole, while the angular momentum continues to be extracted.

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Does bosenova really happen?



- Additional simulation:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(0) &= C\varphi^{(A)}(1000M) \\ \dot{\varphi}(0) &= C\dot{\varphi}^{(A)}(1000M)\end{aligned}\quad C = \begin{cases} 1.05 \\ 1.08 \\ 1.09 \end{cases}$$

Supplementary simulation

$$\varphi(0) = C\varphi^{(A)}(1000M)$$

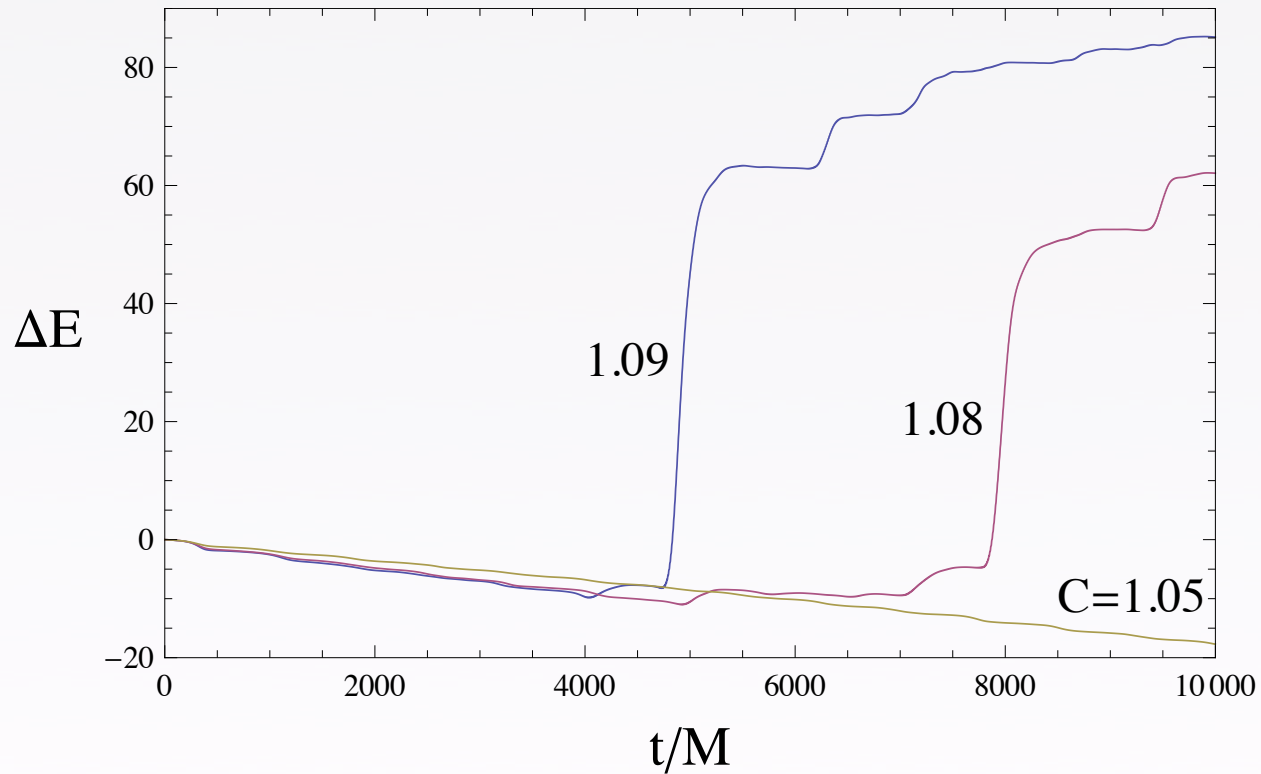
$$\dot{\varphi}(0) = C\dot{\varphi}^{(A)}(1000M)$$



Energy absorbed by the black hole

$$\Delta E := \int_0^t F_E dt$$

$$C = \begin{cases} 1.05 \\ 1.08 \\ 1.09 \end{cases}$$



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Green's function approach (I)

- Approximation

$$\varphi(x) = \varphi_0(x) + \Delta\varphi, \quad \varphi_0 = 2\text{Re} \left[e^{(\gamma - i\omega_0)t} P(r) S_1^1(\cos\theta) e^{i\phi} \right],$$

$O(\varphi_0^4)$ is ignored

- Equation

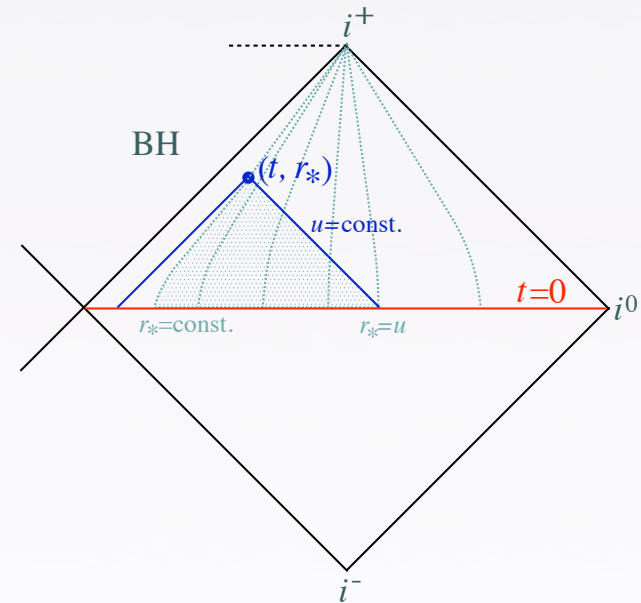
$$(\nabla^2 - \mu^2)\Delta\varphi = J(\varphi_0) := -\frac{\mu^2}{6}\varphi_0^3$$

- Green's function

$$(\nabla^2 - \mu^2)_{x'} G(x, x') = \delta^4(x, x')$$

- Formal solution

$$\Delta\varphi(x) = \int_{D'} d^4x' \sqrt{g(x')} G(x, x') J(\varphi_0(x'))$$



Green's function approach (2)

- Constructing the Green's function

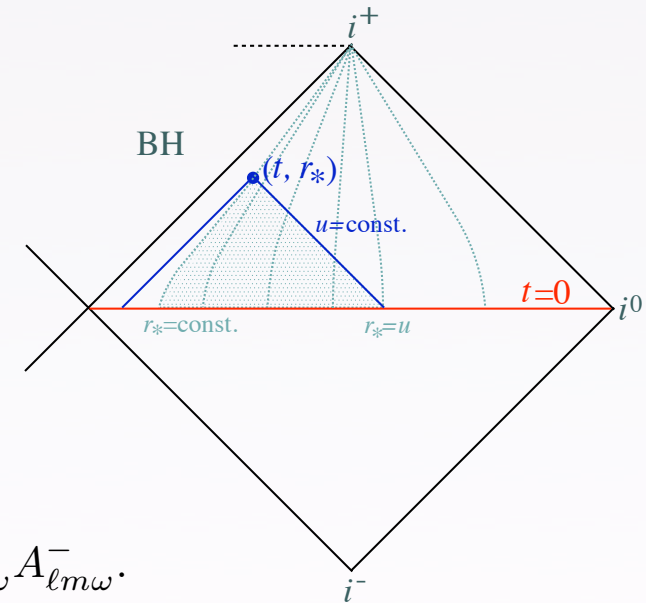
$$G(x, x') = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_{\ell, m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega G_{\ell m}^{\omega}(r, r') e^{-i\omega(t-t') + im(\phi-\phi')} S_{\ell}^m(\cos \theta) \bar{S}_{\ell}^m(\cos \theta'),$$

$$G_{\ell m}^{\omega}(r, r') = \frac{1}{W_{\ell m \omega}} [\theta(r - r') R_{\ell m \omega}^{+}(r) R_{\ell m \omega}^{-}(r') + \theta(r' - r) R_{\ell m \omega}^{-}(r) R_{\ell m \omega}^{+}(r')],$$

- Radial function $k = \sqrt{\omega^2 - \mu^2}, \text{Im}[k] \geq 0$

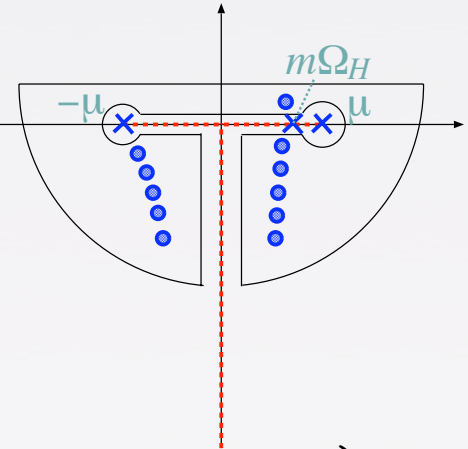
$$R_{\ell m \omega}^{+} \simeq \begin{cases} C_{\ell m \omega}^{+} e^{ikr}/r, & r \rightarrow \infty; \\ A_{\ell m \omega}^{+} e^{i\tilde{\omega}r_*} + B_{\ell m \omega}^{+} e^{-i\tilde{\omega}r_*}, & r \simeq r_+, \end{cases}$$

$$R_{\ell m \omega}^{-} \simeq \begin{cases} A_{\ell m \omega}^{-} e^{-ikr}/r + B_{\ell m \omega}^{-} e^{ikr}/r, & r \rightarrow \infty; \\ C_{\ell m \omega}^{-} e^{-i\tilde{\omega}r_*}, & r \simeq r_+, \end{cases}$$



$$W(R^-, R^+) = 2i\tilde{\omega}(r_+^2 + a^2) C_{\ell m \omega}^- A_{\ell m \omega}^+ = 2ik C_{\ell m \omega}^+ A_{\ell m \omega}^-.$$

Green's function approach (3)



- Near-horizon solution

$$\Delta\varphi = \sum_{\ell,m} e^{im\phi} S_{\ell}^m(\cos\theta) \frac{e^{im\Omega_H r_*}}{2i(r_+^2 + a^2)} \times \left\{ e^{(3\gamma - im\omega_0)u} D_{\ell m}(u, r_*) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{e^{-i\omega u}}{\tilde{\omega} A_{\ell m}^{+(\omega)} [3\gamma + i(\omega - m\omega_0)]} E_{\ell m}^{(\omega)}(u, r_*) \right\},$$

- First term $\sim e^{-i(m\omega_0 + 3i\gamma)t}$

- Second term

- Pole $\omega = m\omega_0 + 3i\gamma \Rightarrow \sim e^{-i(m\omega_0 + 3i\gamma)t}$
- Pole $A_{\ell m}^{+(\omega_{\text{BS}}^{(\ell mn)})} = 0 \Rightarrow \sim \sum_n (\dots) e^{-i\omega_{\text{BS}}^{(\ell mn)} t}$

$$\omega_{\text{BS}}^{(n)} \simeq \pm\mu \simeq \pm\omega_0$$

Nonlinear term makes transfer from growing bound state to decaying bound state with negative frequency.

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Action

Saito and Ueda, PRA63 (2001), 043601

BEC

Action

$$S = N\hbar \int d^3x dt \left[i\psi^* \dot{\psi} + \frac{1}{2}\psi^* \nabla^2 \psi - \frac{r^2}{2}\psi^* \psi - \frac{g}{2}(\psi^* \psi)^2 \right]$$



$$i\dot{\psi} = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{r^2}{2}\psi + g|\psi|^2 \psi$$

Gross-Pitaevskii equation

BH-axion

Action

$$\hat{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{2}(\nabla\varphi)^2 - \mu^2 \left(\frac{\varphi^2}{2} + \hat{U}_{\text{NL}}(\varphi) \right) \right],$$

Non-relativistic approximation

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu}} (e^{-i\mu t} \psi + e^{i\mu t} \psi^*)$$

$$\hat{S}_{\text{NR}} = \int d^4x \left[\frac{i}{2} (\psi^* \dot{\psi} - \dot{\psi} \psi^*) - \frac{1}{2\mu} \partial_i \psi \partial_i \psi^* + \frac{\alpha g}{r} \psi^* \psi - \mu^2 \tilde{U}_{\text{NL}}(|\psi|^2/\mu) \right]$$

$$\tilde{U}_{\text{NL}}(x) = -\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1/2)^n}{(n!)^2} x^n.$$

Effective theory

Saito and Ueda, PRA63 (2001), 043601

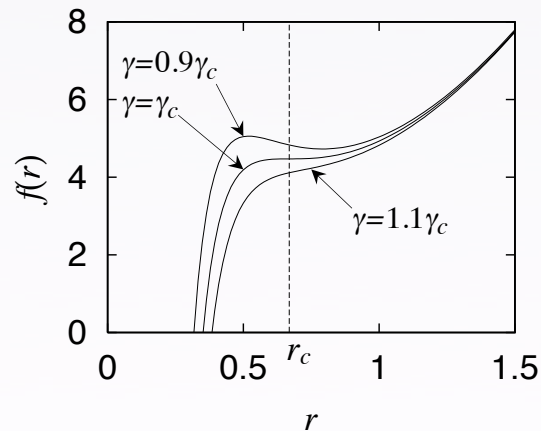
• **BEC** $\psi = A(x, y, z, t)e^{i\phi(x, y, z, t)}$

$$A = \frac{\exp\left[-\left(\frac{x^2}{2d_x^2(t)} + \frac{y^2}{2d_y^2(t)} + \frac{z^2}{2d_z^2(t)}\right)\right]}{\sqrt{\pi^{3/2}d_x(t)d_y(t)d_z(t)}}$$

$$\phi = \frac{\dot{d}_x(t)}{2d_x(t)}x^2 + \frac{\dot{d}_y(t)}{2d_y(t)}y^2 + \frac{\dot{d}_z(t)}{2d_z(t)}z^2$$

• **Spherical case** $d_x = d_y = d_z = r(t)$

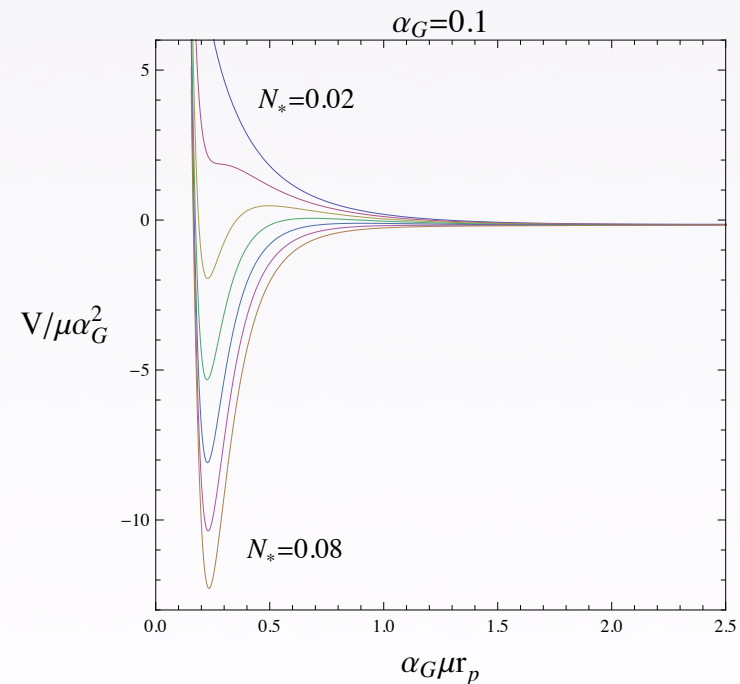
$$S = \frac{N\hbar}{4} \int dt [3\dot{r}^2 + 3\dot{r} - f(r)]$$



• **BH-axion** $\psi = A(t, r, \nu)e^{iS(t, r, \nu) + im\phi}$

$$A(t, r, \nu) \approx A_0 \exp\left[-\frac{(r - r_p)^2}{4\delta_r r_p^2} - \frac{(\nu - \nu_p)^2}{4\delta_\nu}\right],$$

$$S(t, r, \nu) \approx S_0(t) + p(t)(r - r_p) + P(t)(r - r_p)^2 + \pi_\nu(t)(\nu - \nu_p)^2 + \dots,$$

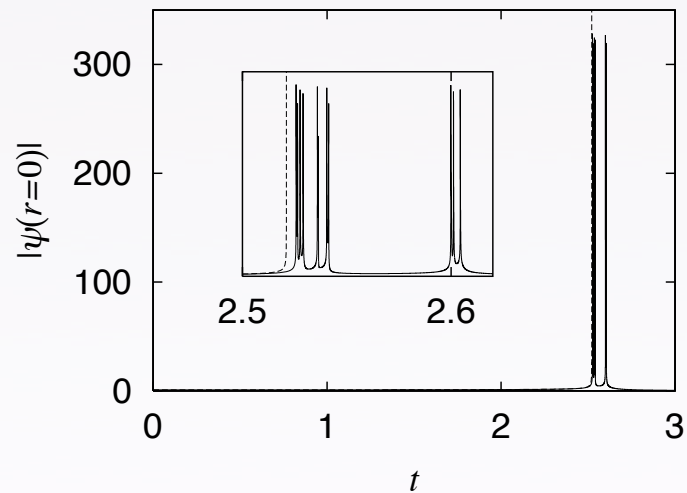


Simulation results

Saito and Ueda, PRA63 (2001), 043601

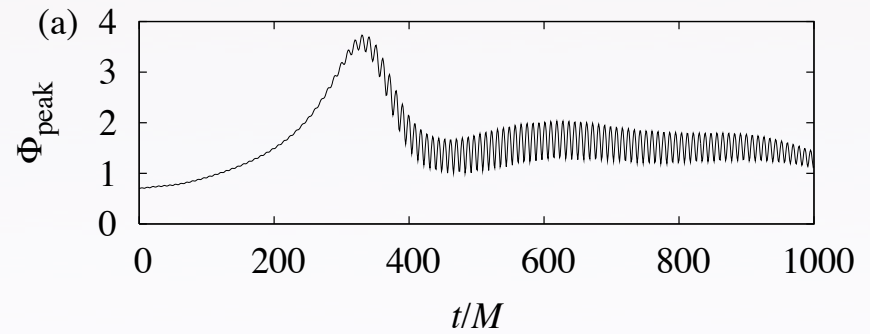
• BEC

$$i\dot{\psi} = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\psi + \frac{r^2}{2}\psi + g|\psi|^2\psi - \frac{i}{2}\left(\frac{L_2}{2}|\psi|^2 + \frac{L_3}{6}|\psi|^4\right)\psi$$



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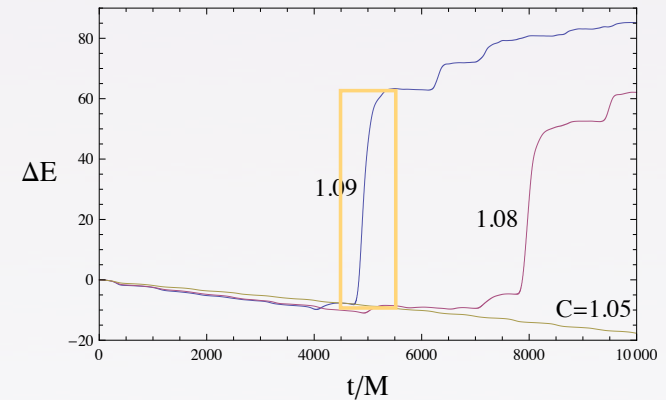
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GWs emitted in the bosonova (rough estimate)

- Quadrupole moment

- $Q_{ij} \sim r_p^2 \ddot{E}$

$$r_p \sim 10M \quad E_0 \sim 10^{-3}M$$



- About 5% of energy falls into the BH

- $E = E_0 + (\Delta E/2) [\cos(\pi t/\Delta t) - 1]$

$$\Delta E \sim 0.05E_0 \quad \Delta t \sim 500M$$

- Amplitude of generated GWs

$$h \sim \frac{\ddot{Q}_{ij}}{r_{\text{obs}}} \sim 10^{-7} \frac{M}{r_{\text{obs}}}$$

Detectability

$$h \sim \frac{\ddot{Q}_{ij}}{r_{\text{obs}}} \sim 10^{-7} \frac{M}{r_{\text{obs}}}$$

- Supermassive BH of our galaxy (Sagittarius A*)

$$h_{\text{RSS}} := \left[\int |h|^2 dt \right]^{1/2} \sim 10^{-16} (\text{Hz})^{-1/2}$$

➡ Detectable by the LISA

- Solar-mass BH (e.g., Cygnus X-1)

$$h_{\text{RSS}} \sim 10^{-24} (\text{Hz})^{-1/2}$$

➡ below the sensitivity of the Advanced LIGO, KAGRA (LCGT), etc.

(10^{-4} Hz)



Angular frequency
of GW



(10^2 Hz)

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Summary

- We developed a reliable code and numerically studied the behaviour of axion field around a rotating black hole.
- The nonlinear effect enhances the rate of superradiant instability when the amplitude is not very large.
- The bosonova collapse would happen as a result of superradiant instability.

Issues for future

- Calculation of the gravitational waves emitted in bosonova.
- The case where axions couple to magnetic fields.